

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

FEBRUARY 16, 1858.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. MASON made the following

REPORT.

[To accompany Bill S. 140.]

*The Committee on Foreign Relations, to whom was referred the memorial of George W. Lippett, United States consul at Vienna, praying compensation for diplomatic services alleged to have been rendered by him, have had the same under consideration, and now report:*

That after a due examination of the merits of this claim, and a careful review of report No. 373, made upon it by this committee on the 26th of July, 1854, accompanied by bill 475, the committee entirely concurring in the views and conclusion therein presented, hereby reaffirm and adopt the same, as follows:

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It appears from a letter of the Secretary of State, dated July 17, 1854, in answer to inquiries made by the committee, that from the 13th October, 1852, on the return to the United States of Mr. McCurdy, our chargé d'affaires at Vienna, to the 10th December following, when Mr. Foote, his successor, was presented, the archives of the legation were left in the hands of the memorialist; and that, from the recall of Mr. Foote, on the 21st May, 1853, till the arrival of his successor, Mr. Jackson, on the 13th of September of the same year, the memorialist was again left in charge of the legation; and the Secretary adds: "The services he rendered are regarded as useful and necessary; and, although he was not charged with any special diplomatic duties, he had occasion, during the intervals in which he had charge of the property of the legation, to correspond with the minister of foreign affairs on official matters; and the position in which he was placed exposed him, it is presumed, to expenses such as would not have been

incurred under other circumstances, and such as Congress has on several occasions seen fit to reimburse."

The committee regard this case as resting on the same basis of others in which compensation has been allowed, and therefore report a bill for the relief of the memorialist, and recommend its passage.